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The Pueblo Negotiations

Although no date has been set for the next meeting, the 22nd in the series, the North Koreans are expected to call one soon. General Woodward has been instructed to confirm to the North Koreans at the next meeting that if Pyongyang will release to him the entire crew on the following day he will at the same time acknowledge in writing on the North Korean draft on 8 May that he is receiving them. This document, written by the North Koreans, is a US confession of guilt and apology and guarantee against future such acts. If the North Koreans indicate they cannot make such arrangements for the next day, etc, General Woodward is to press to discuss specific arrangements concerning the release.

The US objective, General Woodward has been informed, is to draw the North Koreans into discussions on time and place of release, bypassing any discussion of details of the signing of the release documents.

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It appears possible that the North Koreans  
have not drawn the distinction between US signature  
of the 8 May document and the act of US receipt for  
the crew written on the document.

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